Amendments of the Claims:

A detailed listing of all claims in the application is presented below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. All claims being currently amended are submitted with markings to indicate the changes that have been made relative to immediate prior version of the claims. The changes in any amended claim are being shown by strikethrough (for deleted matter) or underlined (for added matter).

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to Claim 11 wherein the body portion has a gap positioned around each arm allowing the arms to pivot about the first, second and third axes without contacting the body portion.

4. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to Claim 11 further comprising a disk-receiving portion and a cover portion that move relative to each other via a hinged region to form an enclosure around the disk, the body portion being positioned within the disk-receiving portion.

5. (Original) The apparatus according to Claim 4 wherein the first, second and third pivot axes have a first vertical plane that is positioned towards the central hole of the disk and away from a second vertical plane created by contact points when the cover portion is pressed against the engageable portions.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to Claim 11 further comprising at least three ridges extending from the body portion to support a bottom surface of the disk when in a disk-locking position, wherein the ridges do not contact an information-carrying portion of the disk.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to Claim 11 wherein when pressure is applied to the center of the pie-shaped engageable region, a bounded region of the lips decreases to a size less than a circumference of the central hole of the disk.

11. (Previously presented) An apparatus for holding a compact disk having a central hole comprising:

a body portion;

at least three arms each extending radially inward from a distal end connected to the body portion to an engageable end receivable within the central hole, the engageable end having at least one extension member connected to the body portion; and

wherein each of the arms has a first pivot axis positioned substantially at the distal end, a second pivot axis positioned substantially at the extension member, and a third pivot axis positioned in between the first and second pivot axes;

wherein each engageable end further comprises at least one lip for securing a top surface of the disk when in a disk-locking position;

wherein the engageable ends form a pie-shaped engageable region receivable within the central hole of the disk;

wherein the disk can be removed from the disk-locking position by application of pressure to a center of the pie-shaped engageable region; and

wherein when pressure is applied to the center of the pie-shaped engageable region, the arms arch to support and elevate the disk for easier removal, the arms not being in contact with the information-carrying portion of the disk.

12. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to Claim 11 wherein the arms provide support to the bottom surface of the disk when in the disk-locking position, the arms not being in contact with the information-carrying portion of the disk.

13. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to Claim 11 wherein the body portion further comprises a connecting member for connection to each extension member, each extension member and connecting member being pivotally attached at the second pivot axis.

14. (Original) The apparatus according to Claim 13 wherein each connecting member is elevated from the body portion.